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| <p>In re Application of:</p> <p>Ashkenazi et al.</p> <p>Serial No.: Not yet assigned</p> <p>Filed: Herewith</p> <p>For: <i>Secreted and Transmembrane Polypeptides and Nucleic Acids Encoding the Same</i></p> | <p>Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned</p> <p>Examiner: Not yet assigned</p> |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application (which is filed herewith), and for calculation of the proper filing fee, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new Claims 39-44 as follows.

--39. (New) An antibody that binds to the polypeptide shown in Figure 106 (SEQ ID NO:294).

40. (New) The antibody of Claim 39 which is a monoclonal antibody.